

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – February 21, 2014

Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met

Members: **Present:** Debe Fults, Lynn Delamer, and Rachel Wright

Absent: Marguerite Roche and Nancy Sorrentino

Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak

Guest: None

Affiliates:

Present: Dominion Day, Family Counseling Center for Recovery, Family Preservation Services (Fredericksburg + Fairfax), Family Solutions, Global Behavior Therapy Associates, Intercept (Richmond + Frederick House), National Counseling Group, Orlando's Place, PEOPLE, Restorative Youth Services, and Wall Residences.

Absent: Heritage House and Ray of Hope

Starting of the Meeting / Review of Agenda: Vice Chair Debe Fults called the meeting to order at 9:350am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with no adjustments.

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Rachel Wright; motion carried to approve minutes from October 2013 meeting.

Public Comment: none

Affiliate Reports: Christine Heit announced that quarterly and annual reports from all affiliates were received with exception of Orlando's Place, who await licensure approval. Each affiliate representative present provided a brief overview of the quarter's activity.

New Business:

Intercept announced new office location in Stafford County.

Lutheran Family Services notified committee of new sponsored provider in region.

National Counseling Group announced it is looking for larger space to accommodate additional staff for expanded program delivery.

Orlando's Place announced licensure approval notification effective February 6, 2014.

Report of the Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak reported that administration changes are expected with a new Governor. He provided an update on:

- ◆ General Assembly legislation – ECO and TDO extended hours
- ◆ Inspector General's report regarding individuals in state hospitals ready for discharge but must remain hospitalized as community support services not available
- ◆ Office of Human Rights changes – moving to more proactive learning approach rather than punitive. Goal is for universal interpretation of regulations across the state.
- ◆ Kevin is doing more program visits – 191 in FY13 in our region (an increase of 80 from last year). Standards require 12 unannounced, unscheduled visits per year per region.
- ◆ Human Rights reporting system CHRIS update.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Report of Committee Members:

Debe Fults announced upcoming trainings at disAbility Resource Center – Commonwealth Coordinated Care and Supporting Individuals with ID & DD through Grief. Walk & Roll is April 6th.

Lynn DelaMer invited all to the MHAF open house on February 25th from 5-7pm. She announced a new suicide prevention education program for freshman students in all Spotsylvania County high schools that began in February 2014. Goal is to increase knowledge and recognition of teen depression symptoms so teens have skills to offer or seek help.

Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:

Dominion Day Services:	Present; report received
Family Counseling Ctr for Recovery	Present; report received
Family Preservation Services:	Present; report received
Family Solutions:	Present; report received
Global Behavior Therapy Associates	Present; report received
Heritage House:	Absent; report received
Intercept	Present; report received
Lutheran Family Services	Present; report received.
National Counseling Group	Present; report received
Orlando's Place	Present; currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
PEOPLE	Present; report received
Ray of Hope	Absent; report received
Restorative Youth Services	Present ; report received
Wall Residence Inc.	Present; report received

Next Meeting – May 9, 2014 at 9:30am

Adjournment of Open Session: 11:00am

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Rachel Wright, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care provided to clients of Intercept, Heritage House (absent from meeting), and Restorative Youth. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. Chair Nancy Sorrentino will send letter to Heritage House reminding them of mandatory attendance at quarterly meetings, and requesting staff members informed about care concerns reported on 4th quarter form to attend next meeting.